and Kashmir, Haryana and Delhi to the Army till there is a improvement in the law and order situation in these areas; and

(h) if go, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THT. MINISTRY OF 'INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJJA VYAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, para-military forces 1'ke BSF/CRPF are being deployed to guard AIR/Doordarshan installations in the States of Punjab, and Jammu & Kashmir for providing adequate security.

Security to electronic media Employee

225. SHRI D1GVUAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will th$_e$ Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be p&ased to state:

(a) whether Government hav$_e$ received any suggestion that a fool proof security cover should be provided to all electronic media employees and their famflie* in all sensitive areas to restore their confidence; and

(b) if to, what are the details of such suggestions and the steps taken by Government in that direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRI! A VYAS): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, one of the demands put forward by the variou$_s$ Associations $_0$f AIR/Doordarshan employees tn th$_e$ wake of the killing of the Station Engineer, AIR Patiala, wa$_s$ that the security of AIR/Doordarshan installations in the State of Punjab and J & K should t*$_e$ handed oyer to the para military force*. Accordingly, BSF/CRPF personnel are being deproved to guard AIR Doordarshan installations in the States of Punjab and J & K . An Inter-Ministerial Group comprising representatives of Minisrty of Home Affairs, Ministry of Information and Broadcastin and Media Units is reviewing the status of security of media installations in Punjab and J & K.

Killing of the Station Director; AIR Patiala

226. SHRI RAIUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAND-RAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pfeased to state:

(a) whether it i» a fact that mflitants who had taken the responsibility of kidnapping the Station Director. ATR Patiala Shri M. L. Manchanda had as on© of th$_e$ conditions for his release sought prescription of a code of conduct for electronic media in Punjab;

(b) if so, what were th$_e$ conditions offered by them and what effort* were made by Government to secure bag release; and

(c) whether the headless body of the said Station Director was later recovered front one place and his head from ano ther after a lapse of over forty days; if so, what steps have been taken to restore confidence amongst the media staff in Punjab?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) A statement relaased to th*. Press by a militant organisation claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of the Station Engineer, AIR, Patiiala and contained conditions pertaining to the broadcast and telecast of programmes from AIR & Doordarshan Stations in Punjab and Chandigarh. The conditions included (i) broadcast of a letter written by the convicts in General A. S. Vaidva's murder case through th$_e$ national hook up of AIR and Doordarshan; (ii) broadcast of all programmes in Punjabi by ATR Stations of Chandigarh, Jalandhar, Patiala and Bhatinda; (Hi) stoppage of national Hindi bulletins' from these Stations; (iv)